

CLAIMS:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5           1. An area rug system, comprising:
- a plurality of tiles that interlock and adjoin with one another to form a uniform surface, a first portion of said plurality of tiles forming the outer border of said uniform surface, wherein said first portion of said plurality of tiles include outer side edges, and wherein said outer side edges are serged, a second portion of said plurality of tiles
- 10   forming the interior of said uniform surface, wherein said second portion of said plurality of tiles include interior side edges, and wherein said interior side edges of one tile of said second portion includes undulations for interlocking with corresponding undulations on an adjoining tiles.
- 15           2. The area rug system as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of tiles includes a top layer of pile fabric, a middle layer of cushion, and a bottom layer of adhesive.
3. The area rug system as recited in claim 2, wherein said top layer of pile fabric
- 20   is made of a material selected from the group consisting of nylon, polypropylene, polyester, cotton, wool, acrylic, glass, and any combination thereof.

4. The area rug system as recited in claim 2, wherein said middle layer of cushion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of sponge, foam rubber, jute, foam polyurethane, and any combination thereof.

5 5. The area rug system as recited in claim 2, wherein said top layer of pile fabric and said middle layer of cushion are attached by an adhesive.

6. The area rug system as recited in claim 2, wherein said top layer of pile fabric and said middle layer of cushion are attached by needling.

10

7. The area rug system as recited in claim 2, wherein said top layer of pile fabric is colored by a method selected from the group consisting of dye injection, graphic tufting, screen printing, pad dyeing, flocking, and any combination thereof.

15 8. An area rug system, comprising:

a plurality of small tiles and a plurality of large tiles that interlock and adjoin with one another to form a uniform surface, a first portion of said plurality of small tiles and a first portion of said plurality of large tiles forming the outer border of said uniform surface, wherein said first portion of said plurality of small tiles and said first portion of  
20 said plurality of large tiles include outer side edges, and wherein said outer side edges are serged, a second portion of said plurality of small tiles and a second portion of said plurality of large tiles forming the interior of said uniform surface, wherein said second portion of said plurality of small tiles and said second portion of said plurality of large

tiles include interior side edges, and wherein said interior side edges have complementary undulations so that said plurality of small tiles and said plurality of large tiles can interlock.

5           9. The area rug system as recited in claim 8, wherein each of said plurality of small tiles and said plurality of large tiles includes a top layer of pile fabric, a middle layer of cushion, and a bottom layer of adhesive.

10           10. The area rug system as recited in claim 9, wherein said top layer of pile fabric is made of a material selected from the group consisting of nylon, polypropylene, polyester, cotton, wool, acrylic, glass, and any combination thereof.

15           11. The area rug system as recited in claim 9, wherein said middle layer of cushion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of sponge, foam rubber, jute, foam polyurethane, and any combination thereof.

            12. The area rug system as recited in claim 9, wherein said top layer of pile fabric and said middle layer of cushion are attached by an adhesive.

20           13. The area rug system as recited in claim 9, wherein said top layer of pile fabric and said middle layer of cushion are attached by needling.

14. The area rug system as recited in claim 9, wherein said top layer of pile fabric is colored by a method selected from the group consisting of dye injection, graphic tufting, screen printing, pad dyeing, flocking, and any combination thereof.

5           15. The area rug system as recited in claim 8, wherein each of said plurality of small tiles has a width of about 18" and a length of about 18".

16. The area rug system as recited in claim 8, wherein each of said plurality of large tiles has a width of about 18" and a length of about 36".

10

15

20